THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) to (c) The HMT Ancillary Units Entrepreneurs have requested HMT Limited for transfer of ownership of HMT ancillary industrial sheds to them. However, they are not prepared to pay the price determined by the company. Therefore, HMT Ltd., is unable to transfer the ownership of the sheds. However, HMT Ltd., is willing to consider to transfer these sheds to entrepreneurs provided they are prepared to pay the determined price.

Units of HMT

577. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the output in the various units of HMT, separately;

(b) whether Government are aware that for quite sometime the Ranibagh Unit of the HMT has been giving a very low output for want of raw material and working capital in comparison to its set capacity; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to increase the output of the units conforming to its capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) The details of output (production) in various units of HMT is given as per statement (*See* below).

(b) On account of declining trend in demand for mechanical watches, poor sales, paucity of funds for working capital, etc. the unit has not been operating to its full capacity.

(c) HMT Watches Limited has initiated steps to produce quartz watches at Ranibagh in addition to mechanical watches.

Further, in order to reduce cost of manpower, Government have been providing budgetary support for manpower rationalization.

Under the Turnaround Plan sanctioned in year 2000, Government

have provided Rs. 40 crore for working capital to Watch Business Subsidiary including Ranibagh Unit.

Statement

Production in various units of HMT Limited
(April to October, 2003)

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Unit	Production
HMT Limited—Holding Company including Tractors	
Tractors, Pinjore, Haryana	5733
Food Processing Division, Aurangabad, Maharashtra	122
TOTAL	5855
SUBSIDIARIES	
HMT MACHINE TOOLS LIMITED	
Machine Tools, Bangalore, Karnataka	1917
Die Casting Division, Bangalore, Karnataka	609
Precision Machinery Division, Bangalore, Karnataka	350
Machine Tools, Pinjore, Haryana	1417
Machine Tools, Kalamassery, Kerala	2528
Machine Tools, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh	969
Machine Tools, Ajmer, Rajasthan	1073
Central Reconditioning Division, Bangalore, Karnataka	211
CNC Division, Bangalore, Karnataka	155
TOTAL	9229
HMT WATCHES LIMITED	
Watch Factory, Bangalore, Karnataka	273
Watch Factory, Tumkur, Karnataka	659
Watch Factory, Ranibagh, Uttaranchal	266
TOTAL	1198

Unit	Production
HMT CHINAR WATCHES LIMITED	
Watch Factory, Srinagar, J&K	71
HMT BEARINGS LIMITED	
Bearings Factory, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh	1206

UNIT	TURNOVER
HMT (International) Limited — Trading Unit	2111

Government Directors in PSES

578. DR. P.C. ALEXANDER : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of Government directors on the Boards of several Public Sector Enterprises exceeds the prescribed limit of two;

(b) if so, the Public Sector Enterprises which have more than two Government directors;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that the inclusion of large number of Government directors on the Boards or such enterprises militates against the principle of autonomy in the management of the enterprises; and

(d) the measures proposed to be taken by Government for reducing the number of Government directors to the prescribed limit of two?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) and (b) The names of Public Sector Undertakings which have more than 2 Government Directors are given in the Statement (*See* below).